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TO AMEMBASSY MASERU  
INFO SECSTATE WASHDC 2840  
AMEMBASSY PRETORIA  
AMCONSUL CAPE TOWN  
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CAPE TOWN ALSO FOR EMBASSY

EO 11652: NA  
TAGS: PBOR, SF (TRANSKEI), LT  
SUBJ: STATUS OF ONGELUKSNEK VALLEY

REF: MASERU 0419

1. WE HAVE CHECKED WITH LOCAL SOURCES, INCLUDING HEAD OF  
NATAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AND KNOWLEDGEABLE JOURNALISTS, AND  
CAN CONFIRM THAT THE SAG HAS NOT TAKEN BACK ANY TERRITORY  
FROM TRANSKEI. IN POINT OF FACT ONGELUKSNEK VALLEY, CON-  
SISTING OF 33 WHITE-OWNED FARMS, HAS NEVER BEEN PART OF TRANSKEI  
THOUGH THE SAG AGREED TO TRANSFER IT TO TRANSKEI AS SOON AS  
THE WHITE-OWNED FARMS WERE BOUGHT OUT BY THE SAG. THIS HAS  
NOT YET BEEN DONE. IN OCTOBER 1977, THEN-MINISTER OF  
INTERIOR CONNIE MULDER TOLD A NATIONALIST POLITICAL RALLY  
IN MATATIELE THAT THE FARMS WOULD BE PURCHASED BY THE SAG  
BY THE END OF 1978; HOWEVER, LACK OF FUNDS MAY NOW STRETCH  
THIS OUT STILL FURTHER. THE VALLEY IS AT PRESENT A SOUTH  
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AFRICAN ENCLAVE SURROUNDED ON THREE SIDES BY TRANSKEI AND  
CAPPED BY THE DRakensberg MOUNTAINS IN LESOTHO. WHITES IN  
THE VALLEY ARE ANXIOUS TO SELL TO THE SAG BECAUSE THE  
PRECARIOUS LOCATION OF THE FARMS HAVE REDUCED THEIR ECONOMIC  
VALUE AND BECAUSE OF VARIOUS OTHER PROBLEMS (I.E. STOCK  
THEFT) FROM LESOTHO.

2. TO OUR KNOWLEDGE THE CUSTOMARY ROAD LINK FOR SOUTHERN LESOTHSANS TRAVELING TO SOUTH AFRICA IS VIA THE QACHA'S NEK PASS, THENCE ACROSS 20 KILOMETERS OF TRANSKEI TO MATATIELE. OUR SOURCES SAID THERE WAS NO INDICATION THE SAG PLANNED TO TAKE THIS AREA BACK FROM TRANSKEI AND THAT IF THEY ATTEMPTED TO DO SO MATANZIMA WOULD UNDOUBTEDLY CREATE A POLITICAL FURORE. THE ENTIRE EAST GRIQUALAND REGION OF SOUTH AFRICA IS QUITE SENSITIVE IN TRANSKEI-SAG RELATIONS BECAUSE MATANZIMA CONTINUES TO CLAIM THAT IT SHOULD BE A PART OF TRANSKEI AND HAS SEVERAL TIMES THREATENED "WAR" WITH SOUTH AFRICA (77 DURBAN 114, 121, 181) IF PLANS TO TRANSFER THE REGION FROM THE CONTROL OF CAPE PROVINCE TO NATAL ARE FINALIZED. THE SAG HAS IGNORED HIS THREATS AND INDICATIONS ARE THAT THIS TRANSFER WILL BE COMPLETED WITHIN THE NEXT SEVERAL MONTHS.  
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